GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FACILITIES TO REFUGEES
Subba Shri Moni Kumar

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large population of Tibetans and Nepali have come to stay permanently in India, as refugees;

(b) if so, the total number of said refugees staying in India;

(c) whether in order to provide due security to life and property, Government proposes to issue identity cards to them;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken and being taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)& (b): Yes sir.A large number of Tibetans have come to stay in India.As per Passport (Entry into India) Act 1920, a citizen of Nepal entering into India by land or air through the Nepal border does not require a passport for entry into India. A Nepali citizen does not require to be registered with the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer/Foreigners Registration Officer since as per Registration of Foreigners Act 1939, he can enter India without a passport/visa.

(c), (d) & (e): At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government to issue Identity Cards to Tibetan refugees.